

LOS FELIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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**PRESIDENT**

Linda Demmers

**VICE PRESIDENTS**

Barbara Ferris - Administration

Chris McKinley –  
Communications

**TREASURER**

Nelson Bae

**SECRETARY**

Vacant

**GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

MARCH 18, 2014 7:30 P.M.

**CERTIFIED  
COUNCIL #36**

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**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

07: 44 M – Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) Demmers called the meeting to order.

Board Members present: (9)

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS</b>		
Barbara Ferris V.P., Administration	Demmers, Linda President	McKinley, Chris V.P., Communications
Vacant Secretary		Bae, Nelson Treasurer
<b>DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
<del>Cornelius, Brian</del> District A	Demmers, Linda District A, Board Officer	<del>Kantarjian, Theresa</del> District A
<del>Khanjian, Christina</del> District B	McKinley, Chris District B, Board Officer	Cremin, Dana District B
<del>Rodriguez, Marcus</del> District C	Ferris, Barbara District C, Board Officer	<del>McDonald, Elizabeth</del> District C
<del>Beshkov, Basil</del> District D	<del>Rosman, Scott</del> District D	Vacant District D
Bae, Nelson District E, Board Officer	Carter-Gargani, Nicola District E	Vacant District E
<b>COMMUNITY INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES</b>		
Michael Maloney Public Safety		<del>Mauceri, Mark F.</del> Recreation
Kris Anderson Education Interests		Menz, Rob Business Interests

Excused (02): (Rodriguez, Beshkov, McDonald)

Absent (05): (Kantarjian, McDonald, Rodriguez, Cornelius, Beshkov)  
Unexcused (3): (Kantarjian, Cornelius)  
Late (3): (Rosman, Khanjian, Mauceri)  
Present (9): At Roll Call: (Demmers, Bae, Maloney, Ferris, McKinley, Anderson, Cremin, Menz, Carter-Gargani)

**7:35 PM – Pizza arrives.**

## **2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**7:48 PM –**

Ray Verches from the Advanced Meter Team of the Southern California Gas Company reported on the progress of the installation of the automatic meters. There is a team installing these meters and the project should be completed in 2 to 3 years. After that the gas company will not be using meter readers. Verches cautioned that residents should not let anyone enter their home; it is not necessary for the meter installers to enter your home. LAPD has reported a number of scams over the years. Installer will leave a door hanger that they have been at your house. Ferris asked about the emergency shut off. Nothing will change. The emergency shut off is not gas company equipment.

**7:52 PM –**

Luke Klipp, resident of District E, introduced himself and announced his candidacy in the upcoming election. He has organized clean up events in Silver Lake in the past. His biggest issues are how we use public space and sees the appointment of the new mayor as an opportunity.

**7:53 PM -- Scott Rosman arrives**

**Board Members Present: 10**

## **3) REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

- a. CD4 Field Deputy for Los Feliz area, Daniel Halden
  - Reminder to have an earthquake kit
  - Dead redwoods being removed across from the Greek; Vermont Avenue is being repaved next week up to the golf course.
  - PAB (Park Advisory Board) will soon be taking applications for membership. Check on LAParks.org for application form. Looking for a diverse group of people.
  - Lights will be back on Waverly Drive outside the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart soon.
  - 4300 - 4400 Russell and Melbourne have been repaved
  - Some slurry seals left to be redone.
  - CD4 is addressing the issues on Avocado between Hillhurst and Commonwealth. Various measures including "Stop Ahead" and repainting limit lines are already underway. There have been many concerns about speeding and visibility. LAPD will be enforcing regularly.

- On March 20 at 5:00 p.m. there will be a hike to Mt. Hollywood from Charley Turner trail head to celebrate the spring equinox.
- Councilmember LaBonge and Halden will be at the Paseo Los Feliz dedication on Sunday, March 23. Noon on Sunday. Ribbon cutting is at 1:00.
- Bae: "How often will the PAB meet?" Halden: "Monthly or once every few months. Details will be facilitated by Joe Salaices. Board will have 11 to 13 members.
- Ferris thanked Dan and Lisa Schecter for their assistance in getting the banner hung and streamlined the permit process. McKinley thanked them for helping with the Day of Service.

#### **8:02 PM –**

- b. CD13 Field Deputy for East Hollywood and Los Feliz, Aram Taslagyan
  - Council Office allocated \$1,000 in support of reopening the East Hollywood Farmers' Market located at the Hollywood and Western Metro Station Plaza
  - CD 13 is contracting with Clean and Green to do cleanups in our district. They will work 28 hours a week for cleaning and collection of loose trash. If there are locations that need to be cleaned, send them to Taslagyan and they will be placed in a queue.
  - A tree on Hollywood Boulevard just west of Winona was noted to be dead and a public safety hazard. UFD investigated and quickly removed the tree.
  - LAFD is giving out free smoke detectors at fire stations while the supply lasts. Closest one to here is #35 at Hillhurst and Prospect. They are also available at stations #6 (326 N. Virgil); #20 (2144 W. Sunset Boulevard), #50 (3036 Fletcher Drive); #52 (4957 Melrose Avenue) and #82 (5769 W. Hollywood Blvd.)
  - There have been major street light outages due to copper wire theft. Please report immediately if you observe any one removing wire from street lamps. Bureau of Street Services provided a flyer. If you see someone working at a light pole, check if there is a yellow truck nearby. If not, call 911.
  - A bill, which was introduced by O'Farrell and signed by the Mayor, sets strict limits on the use of e-Cigs in public locations, bringing them on a par with regular cigarettes. Law goes into effect on April 19. It is not a ban, just a restriction on their use in public spaces.
  - Hollywood Western Metro has installed security cameras at the request of CD13.
  - For information visit website at CD13.com or call 323-957-4500. Aram Taslagyan. [www.cd13.org](http://www.cd13.org)

**8:09 PM - *Mauceri and Khanjian arrive***

**Board Members Present: 12**

**Stakeholders present: 44**

#### **4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- a. President's Report
  - Parking passes required to park in the bank lot.
  - Demmers shared some recent email and phone messages.
    - Copper wire theft. Call 911

- Owner of Chevron station on corner of Vermont and Los Feliz notes that a local gang has taken over his parking lot at night. He has been connected with Leo Rey.
- Resident called about an apartment that is badly infected with bed bugs. We connected him with the Board of Health.
- No toilet at a job site on Ambrose.
- Update on post office situation. Report is in the packet.
- Correspondence regarding zoning issues.
- Our clean up team clipped the bougainvillea on the Berendo Stairs.
- We should be acknowledged in the program and on a banner at Paseo Los Feliz.
- CD4 assisted in getting the lease for the use of the storage area in the meeting room.
- We have been invited to the next RAP meeting. April meeting will cover both the ball fields and the stage.
- Candidate Forum on April 8 for all candidates for the board
- New board will be seated in May, not April. Election is not certified until a 5 day challenge period is over. Silver Lake has 59 candidates for 21 seats.
- Public Safety survey received 123 responses. March survey is on election. April survey is the green committee. Looking for a volunteer for the May survey. Menz volunteers for business survey.

**MOTION:** Approve lease for previously approved arrangement to pay Los Feliz Improvement Association for use of storage space. Demmers Moved. Anderson Seconded. **Motion passed 12-0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz				x	
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	11	0	5	1	

Demmers noted that the NC Board voted on the funding in September. This is a vote to accept the lease.

b. Vice President Communications Report

8:19 PM-

Board members Present: 12

- Everything has been centered around the election in April. Will provide an update later in the meeting under Election Outreach update.
- Reminded everyone in the room to vote.
- McKinley noted that it is difficult to track the updates to our templates and letterhead items. There will be a new location on the website for committee chairs for templates – agendas, minutes, letterhead. Rather than starting from scratch every time, the latest version will be available on the website.
- Demmers noted that the minutes don't come out for at least three weeks after the meeting and by then some of the calendar items have already expired. We will start doing a quick update on the meeting that will be located on the website.

**Agenda modified at Bae's suggestion. Item 7.a.i taken out of order at 8:21 PM.**

9:48 PM -

c. Treasurer's Report and Funding Requests

i. YTD Expenditures Review. Demmers/Bae

- ii. MOTION: Approve monthly expenditures for February 2014. Two items: Constant Contact (\$50) and postage stamps (\$8.25).

**MOTION:** Approve monthly expenditures for February. Bae Moved. Rosman Seconded. **Motion passed 12-0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- iii. MOTION: Approve unanticipated p-card expenditures

**MOTION:** Authorize Treasurer to expend up to \$1,000 during the period of 03/19/14 – 4/15/2014 for unanticipated "p-card" expenses for previously approved budget item allocations. Demmers Moved. Carter-Gargani Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

iv. MOTION: Green Committee Zero waste workshop speaker stipends.

**MOTION:** Approve \$75.00 stipend to GAIA Development for Green Committee Zero Waste Workshop. Demmers Moved. Rosman Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

v. MOTION: Approve Green Committee Zero waste workshop speaker stipends.

**MOTION:** Approve \$75 stipend to Wasteless Living for Green Committee Zero Waste Workshop. Demmers Moved. Anderson Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

vi. MOTION: Approve purchase of t-shirts for volunteers.

Menz objects. The vendor has been rude to community members and swore at Menz and his wife. Anderson had the same experience. McKinley moved to amend the motion and remove the name of specific vendor.

**MOTION:** Approve up to \$575.00 for 125 LFNC t-shirts for volunteers to be purchased through local merchant Y QUE on Vermont Avenue at \$4.50 each. Demmers Moved. McKinley Seconded. **Motion was amended.**

**AMENDED MOTION:** Approve up to \$575.00 for 125 LFNC t-shirts for volunteers. Demmers Moved. McKinley Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- vii. MOTION: Approve purchase of one A-frame sign carrier to be used for outreach/advertising during Neighborhood Council and Committee meetings.

**MOTION:** Approve up to \$200.00 for Displays to go for one A-frame sign carrier to be used for outreach/advertising during Neighborhood Council and Committee meetings. Demmers Moved. Ferris Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae					
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani					
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- viii. MOTION: Approve payment to Amazon for up to \$100.00 for two flags (United States and California) for the community room at 1965 Hillhurst.

**MOTION:** Approve up to \$100 for two flags for the meeting room. Demmers Moved. Rosman Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- ix. MOTION: Reimburse Board Member Mauceri for up to \$200.00 for previously incurred out-of-pocket expenses.



**MOTION:** Reimburse Board Member Mauceri for up to \$200.00 for previously incurred out-of-pocket expenses. Demmers Moved. Ferris Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

**AMENDED MOTION:** Reimburse Board Member Mauceri for up to \$300.00 for previously incurred out-of-pocket expenses. Demmers Moved. Ferris Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Mauceri clarified that this includes the Masonic Temple rental fee as well as various Street Fair outreach expenses.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriquez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- x. Approve up to \$50.00 for decals from Next Day Flyers to be used as parking decals for LFNC board and committee members.

**MOTION:** Approve up to \$50.00 for decals from Next Day Flyers to be used as parking decals for LFNC board and committee members. Demmers Moved. Anderson Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriquez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

## 5) ELECTION RELATED MATTERS

### a. Funding motions

- i. Approve extension of election outreach expenses not to exceed \$10,000.

**MOTION:** Approve extension of election outreach expenses not to exceed \$10,000. Ferris Moved. Anderson Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Ferris notes that this was approved by Rules and Elections and they would like the latitude to have that amount available to the ad hoc committee. Banner has been ordered and installation is scheduled. NC name and logo has to appear on the banner.

McKinley objects for the sake of discussion. There is one item that we are discussing that he'd like to poll the board about. We've been debating on the expenditure of \$2,000 to \$3,000 for door hangers that would be placed on people's doors leading up to the election. It's a substantial amount of the budget. \$3,000 would cover 18,000 homes. McKinley has an issue with excluding certain residents of the neighborhood. Walking Man delivery is \$1,200 and printing is \$1,200. The company does not go to apartment buildings. Cremin: is there an alternative to this, like a bulk mailing? Too late.

Khanjian: First year she was on the board, we spent \$8,000 on the election. This is just too much money. Previous door hanger was done by a slate, not the neighborhood council. Mauceri: we need to connect with leaders in the community. We haven't done that. Get it out to the faith based community.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- ii. Approve up to \$300.00 expenditure on food for the Candidates Forum on April 8, 2014.

**MOTION:** Approve up to \$300.00 expenditure on food for the Candidates Forum on April 8, 2014. Demmers Moved. Rosman Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- iii. Approve up to \$300.00 expenditure on food for poll workers and volunteers.

**MOTION:** Approve up to \$300.00 expenditure on food for poll workers and volunteers on April 12, 2014. Demmers Moved. Anderson Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- iv. Approve \$1,184.35 of election related expenses to Triple A Flag and banner for repair, installation, removal, and permitting of one banner across Vermont Avenue.

**MOTION:** Approve \$1,184.35 of election related expenses to Triple A Flag and banner for repair, installation, removal, and permitting of one banner across Vermont Avenue. Demmers Moved. Rosman Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriquez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- v. Approve \$900.00 payment for graphic design services to TWGG Media Graphic Design for election related design services.

**MOTION:** Approve \$900.00 payment for graphic design services to TWGG Media Graphic Design for election related design services. Demmers Moved. Menz Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriquez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- vi. Approve \$150.00 to Martin Outdoor Media for election outreach related materials – bus bench signs.

**MOTION:** Approve \$150.00 to Martin Outdoor Media for election outreach materials – bus bench signs. Demmers Moved. Anderson Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

McKinley noted that we will have three locations: Hollywood and Western, Vermont and 2blocks north of Hollywood, and Los Feliz Boulevard just west of Crystal Springs Drive. These will be available to us after the election.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- vii. Approve payment to Copy Cat \$1,408.31 for printing of Los Feliz Ledger inserts for election candidate outreach.

**MOTION:** Approve payment to Copy Cat \$1,408.31 for printing of Los Feliz Ledger inserts for election candidate outreach. Demmers Moved. Carter-Gargani Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Passed	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- viii. Reimburse Board Member McKinley \$405.00 for election outreach related Facebook and web page boosts.

**MOTION:** Reimburse Board Member McKinley \$405.00 for election outreach related Facebook and web page boosts. Demmers Moved. Anderson Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				

Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

- ix. Approve payment of \$910.00 to Los Feliz Ledger for candidate outreach inserts in Ledger.

**MOTION:** Approve payment of \$910.00 to Los Feliz Ledger for election outreach inserts. Demmers Moved. Khanjian Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Ineligible
Anderson	x				
Bae	x				
Beshkov			x		x
Carter-Gargani	x				
Cornelius			x		x
Cremin	x				
Demmers	x				
Ferris	x				
Kantarjian			x		
Khanjian	x				
Maloney	x				
Mauceri	x				
McDonald			x		
McKinley	x				
Menz	x				
Rodriguez			x		
Rosman	x				
Tally	12	0	5	0	2

**10:31 PM -**

- b. Election outreach update.

Do we have a flyer for voters? Need something to take to people who may not be on the website? Flyers are a better idea than door hangers.

- c. Candidate forum update. Ferris

Ferris is looking for volunteers for the Candidate Forum on April 8. Carter-Gargani can provide assistance. April 8 @ 7 – 9 PM in this room. Need to get it into the Ledger.

**10:14 PM - TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.**

**6) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON: REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR KELLER WILLIAMS FUNDRAISING BENEFICIARY. MALONEY**

Keller Williams is doing a fundraiser for helmets for firefighters who are fighting brush fires. They are \$42/each. Will work for the fire station on Hillhurst and maybe for the one on Hollywood as well as funding permits.

**8:22 PM –**

**Board Members present: 12**

**Stakeholders Present: 44**

**7) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. PZHP

i. Approve letter to ZA regarding 4477 – 4483 Hollywood Boulevard.  
Demmers moved the item on behalf of the PZHP Committee.

Gary Khanjian was present to answer questions on this item. The PZHP letter is dated March 5. This is the second time that we have heard from this project. They first came in February and it was a very different design. There was a lot of concern about the two restaurants and the number of seats in each restaurant. After hearing the concerns from the committee and the community, the applicant agreed to withdraw the application and come back with a revised design. They also agreed to re-notice the item to all of the residents and homeowners. The applicant came back on March 5 with a revised and better plan with reduced capacity of the restaurants.

This is four different applications and they are asking for a Master CUP for the whole project. The first application is for a hotel use. There is also one restaurant, one market deli restaurant, and the fourth one is for the in-room cabinets with alcohol for purchase (minibar). The hotel is a specific request because a hotel within 500 feet of residences needs a CUP and this falls in that category.

Originally the market was looking for a full liquor license with a 2 AM closing. Now it is only beer and wine and it goes until 11 PM. Khanjian corrected that to the market is available from 7 AM to 10 PM. The restaurant has longer hours, but reduced from original request. Originally it was Monday through Thursday 11 AM to 12 Midnight ; Friday and Saturday 9 AM to 1 AM; and Sunday 9 AM to 10 PM. After seeing the revised plan the PZHP committee felt comfortable recommending the project.

Demmers opened the floor to the board for questions.

Menz: There were 10 public comments at the meeting? Khanjian: Several on behalf of the applicant. Neighbors were concerned about the use of the roof top with access to hotel guests. With the neighbors concern about noise, the committee asked to limit access until 11 PM.

Anderson: What are the impacts on traffic and how will noise be mitigated? What is in place to minimize this? There is a 10' alley and then there are homes. Khanjian: Main operation is the hotel. Applicant is concerned that the hotel guests will have a comfortable night. The only place that will be open late is the restaurant and it is not a night club.

Ferris: Objected to receiving the packet at this meeting. Did PZHP have this at the meeting? (Yes) How many rooms in the hotel total (17). How many parking spaces for the hotel? Khanjian: Hotel is granted to have 0 spaces because of SNAP. Station Area Neighborhood Plan.

Khanjian: The only reason this triggers the CUP is because of the alcohol. They have an agreement with the Chase bank to use the bank lot and will be using a valet service for the hotel and the restaurant. Peterson: There are also 10 spaces in a lot next door.

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Ferris: What is the total occupancy if everyone who could be in the building are there at the same time? Khanjian: 17 rooms with 2 persons per room, 34 people. Including all spaces the total would be 167, but not including the Good Luck Bar. (Elizabeth Peterson Associates) Peterson: There are 40 spaces off site and 10 on site.

Ferris: What is to prevent any of the customers from avoiding the valet and trying to park in the neighborhood? Khanjian: You cannot control that.

Khanjian: Reviewed the changes that they made. For the Market Café they were asking for 69 seats. Now it's only 22 seats. (Brad Conroy, Owner of the Property) For the restaurant it was reduced from 72 seats originally to 46. In terms of parking, they secured the Chase lot which has 70 spaces. This lot has never been utilized by the neighborhood. Umami Burger uses a parking lot on Hollywood Boulevard. Conroy noted that there are parking spaces available in other locations, but they selected Chase because a management change wouldn't affect the relationship.

Conroy: When they first looked at this project, they could tear down the existing building and build a 30,000 square foot project by right. The current project is 14,000 square feet. They plan to restore the building. They selected the operators carefully. Claudio is a local operator, and Greg has a hotel in Beverly Hills. They tied in the parking lot next door as a covenant property. Demmers requested that the applicant return to answering the specific question.

Maloney: How would you build something like this in a neighborhood and have an outdoor bar? There is no outdoor bar. It's never been a bar (Peterson). It's an amenity for the hotel guests.

Mauceri: No service of alcohol on the roof? Peterson. It's just access for the guests. Asked question about the scope of each component. Bistro Restaurant has how many seats?



Peterson noted that the Good Luck Bar has nothing to do with this. Restaurant will have 46 seats; café market will have 22. The restaurant will be a French Bistro. The other one will be a market bistro café where customers can sit or take out. The market will not have a full bar, only beer and wine.

Cremin: What will keep people from buying a bottle of wine and taking it up to the roof?

Peterson: Guests only will have access. Khanjian said there was an 11PM closing time.

Rooftop is not a food and beverage outlet. No food or drink on the rooftop.

Khanjian, C: The roof top is solely for the guests to sit and look out. Was it ever envisioned to have a bar? Why did you decide to do a hotel there? Great location, beautiful spot in a location with few hotel rooms. Great spot for a well-designed hotel.

Menz: How will this benefit the community? Conroy: This is a hotel, a nice hotel. Rates might be \$200 or so per night. Hotels can be part of a community. We think it will be a great place for people to have family to stay. We hope you'll be proud to have this in your community.

Peterson says current building is underutilized.

Demmers: Will 40 or 70 of the parking spaces be deducted from the NEHA study? Peterson: no these were not included. Next NEHA meeting is next month and we hope to be in the Council chambers by next June. Mr. Conroy did participate in the Third Street Valet program; he has a lot of properties on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Mauceri: Where will the valet stand be? Valet stand would be inside the parking lot. Cars would have to pull into it.

Letters were received from Paula, Yasmin, and Karen. All are present. See agenda supplements.

The following stakeholders spoke during public comment on this item:

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- Luke Klipp, Resident (for). We need a hotel in the neighborhood. Understands the concerns about the patio. We need to hold the developers feet to the fire. There are many restaurants on this stretch of Hollywood already. It's a walkable neighborhood. Alcohol is available at Von's 24/7.
- Paula Sword-Orr, Resident (against). Lives on Commonwealth between Clayton and Sunset Drive. Loves the area. Hotel is beautiful. This is a residential community with many small children. People are speeding down Rosalia. Biggest concern is traffic and safety concerns.
- Karen Schwartzman, Resident (against). Lived on Rosalia Road for 12 years. Small group of residents have looked carefully at this development. Believe that there will be serious impact on this overburdened area of Los Feliz. Parking is already a serious issue because of the Vista. This is already a congested area. Why so many permits for this one little spot? Take out liquor store? Karen's letter was included in the agenda packet.

- Brian Obermiller (for). Does not live in the neighborhood. Comes to the area frequently. Would be great for out of town guests.
- Joanna Scapa Anavim (for) Lives in West Hollywood. Owns 23 buildings on Lyman Place, 3 on Hillhurst, and a bunch in surrounding areas. Approves the project.
- Brad Conroy, Conroy Commercial, Owner (for). Worked with parking study on Third Street. Building could be bigger. This is something that you will be proud of. Contacted the lady who just spoke and she is the largest apartment owner in the neighborhood. Work with them on lack of parking.
- Patricia M. Schneeberger (for). Notes a need for a local hotel for parents whose children are patients at Children's Hospital. She could not use the Ronald McDonald house because they lived in close proximity to the hospital. Children who live around alcohol need to learn how to use it responsibly.
- Jonathan Lee (for). Lives on Westmoreland and Fountain. Heard about the project from a friend. Excited about the project. Would use the hotel for holiday get-togethers. Ronald McDonald house runs at 100% capacity.
- Chris Boutelle, President of Franklin Hills Residents Association (against). Is concerned by the number of cars this project will generate. Noted that this is already a "nasty" intersection. Worried about cars spilling out of the alley onto Sunset Drive. Valet parking does usually end up in the neighborhood.
- Gregory Peck, Crescent Hotel Group (for). Want to run the project in a responsible way. Owners feel the same concerns as the residents. Can't run a hotel without parking. Have to conquer these issues. Has owned a hotel in Beverly Hills for the past 12 years. Not going to be a party hotel. (Other hotel is Crescent Hotel)
- Claudio Blotta, Restaurant and Market/Café (for) **Transcriber could not hear comments.**

Demmers reads the motion to the Board. The four motions are for the hotel, restaurant, bistro, and in room mini-bar. The vote at the PZHP meeting was 6 (yes) and (3) no.

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Ferris objects. Discussion is opened.

- Ferris asked what the conditions are. In the letter it says "additions". These are the conditions. Would like clarification on what is different in the letter from the proposal. The hours have changed from the original proposal. PZHP requested the change in hours. Peterson notes that the applicant has agreed to the change. ABC allows alcohol service from 6AM to 2 AM. Economically most operators cannot afford that. Their application was done 3 months ago. The original application was based on their original

request. The conditions in the letter are what the applicant has agreed to, not what is in the application.

- Anderson is working on the assumption that the operators will act in good faith. He lives 25 feet from the hotel. 40 spaces are not enough. There is no more room for people to park there. He often has to park 3 or more blocks from home. I cannot support this motion until there is additional parking.
- Carter-Gargani notes that on Yelp that people complain about how much the valet costs. Can you put a cap on the valet cost so that we don't drive people into the neighborhood? The universal parking fee will be \$3.00 once that is passed. "Our business model is not to make money on the parking."

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- Khanjian, C. also needed a place to stay when her child was at Children's Hospital. Understands why this is needed. There is no place in the area to stay if you have a sick child.
- Mauceri. There is track record for running hotels on this team. Corner needs improvement. There are other concentrations of liquor licenses in Los Feliz. There are four across the street on Hillhurst and many more than that on Vermont. The mini-bar is not an issue. Be specific that no music is allowed on the roof. We don't want our area to turn into the mess (traffic) like the area west of Western. Concern is the parking. Has to be done right. Looks great on the face of it. "What's not to like?"
- Maloney. Component of a successful business is handling parking. Everyone doesn't arrive at the same time. Applicant is not going to ignore this issue.
- Bae. The issues are parking, noise, and traffic. No one has a problem with the hotel. Based on previous cases, we have learned that there are remedies. There will be no alcohol served on the roof.
- Ferris. Reiterates that we should have seen the plans in advance of this meeting. Theater is still there and a new café restaurant that is not included in this plan. There is already a café and theater in this building. Sympathizes with residents. SNAP entitles developers to ignore the neighborhoods. We are living with that reality. Don't run down the vacuum repair shop. Alley is dangerous. Critical of the valet service that hasn't happened yet. (Peterson: we are pretty darn close.) I can't support this.
- Mauceri. When is the ZA hearing on this? All hearings under the community plan are in injunction right now. There are not hearings and no CUP now until this is resolved. There is no compelling deadline on this right now. Recommends minimal parking charges. (Khanjian: They can still open a restaurant and create traffic whether or not they have the alcohol license. The problem in the neighborhood is parking. 99% of guests will not be bringing their cars. )
- McKinley. This is not the first time that we have heard about this project. PZHP has done extensive work on this. Owners have come to the committee and been receptive

to input and worked with us in good faith. We are not equipped to say whether or not this is enough parking. It's in the owners' best interest for this to work. Supportive.

- Rosman. Agree with McKinley. Question regarding permit parking. Rosalia is the only permitted street.
- Carter-Gargani. Supports having a hotel in our neighborhood. At other hotel, the owner is charging \$26.00 to park. Looking for a gesture for low cost or free valet. Would be helpful. Hotel guests will go find a place on the street if the valet is \$26.00. When Chase Bank opens the cars will go to their lot next to the hotel.

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Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Anderson		x		
Bae		x		
Beshkov			x	
Carter-Gargani	x			
Cornelius			x	
Cremin	x			
Demmers	x			
Ferris		x		
Kantarjian			x	
Khanjian	x			
Maloney	x			
Mauceri	x			
McDonald			x	
McKinley	x			
Menz	x			
Rodriguez			x	
Rosman				
Tally	9	3	5	0

**9:48 PM -**

Item 7.a.i. concludes at 9:48. NC returns to Agenda Item 4.c.i.

**10:16 PM –**

**Board Members present: 12**

b. Public Safety

i. Results of Public Safety Survey (February Survey of the Month.) Maloney

Maloney shared the results of the survey, which received 123 responses. The #1 concern was unsafe drivers. #2 was property crimes. Full results were attached to the agenda.

ii. Approve letter to Councilman Tom LaBonge regarding traffic related issues on Avocado Street.

Mauceri recommends including information on recent incidents. Letter should also be sent to Jeannie Shen at DOT.

**MOTION:** Approve letter to Councilman LaBonge regarding traffic related issues on Avocado Street. Maloney Moved. Ferris Seconded. **Motion passed 12 -0-0 in a roll call vote. See below.**

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Anderson	x			
Bae	x			
Beshkov			x	
Carter-Gargani	x			
Cornelius			x	
Cremin	x			
Demmers	x			
Ferris	x			
Kantarjian			x	
Khanjian	x			
Maloney	x			
Mauceri	x			
McDonald			x	
McKinley	x			
Menz	x			
Rodriguez			x	
Rosman	x			
Tally	12	0	5	0

**Items taken out of order while NC has quorum. Moved to item d. Rules and Elections.**

**10:37 PM -**

c. Sports and Recreation

- i. Committee Report: Update on Project Status; Griffith Park Baseball Fields; T.S. King Ongoing Renovation; Youth Soccer initiatives. Mauceri

Youth basketball finished in the gymnasium. Everyone happy with the results. Ball fields hearing is tomorrow at Elysian Park. The vote will be on April 2. Tomorrow is round 1 for public comments.

- ii. Discussion and Possible Action on: Allocation of funding for various athletic equipment at T.S. King Middle School. Mauceri **THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN.**

**10:19 PM - TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.**

d. Rules and Elections

- i. Committee Reorganization

Ferris described the motion as noted below. Committee chairs of various affected committees have agreed with this reorganization plan.

Mauceri objects for the sake of discussion.

Mauceri asked whether this is a dissolution or inactivation of this committee (City Services). Regarding Public Safety, this is a bylaw change because the bylaws call out the Public Safety Committee by name. Mauceri noted that the issue is not related to who is currently in the job. That is irrelevant. Is this the way to set it up? Just because City Services isn't functioning with its current chair, that doesn't mean that we should get rid of it. There are other areas that fall into City Services that have no home like street services and sewage. Originally every committee liaised with a specific city department. I think this needs further discussion and it's a bylaw change that wasn't agendized as such.

Mauceri Moved to table the motion. No second is offered.

Demmers noted that technically this is not a bylaw change if we don't change the name of the committee.

McKinley asked what happened to Neighborhood Improvement. Not a bylaw change. He also noted that Ferris has been working on this for a long time and it's also an outreach issue – we have so many committees. It's difficult to steer public toward a committee. That the committee chairs agree is not the main point.

Khanjian: the next seating of the new board is in May. Can I second his motion? You need 2/3 for a bylaw change.

Mauceri moved to table the motion. It's not pressing that we make this change immediately. Khanjian Seconded.

No abstentions. Motion passed 9 to 3 to table the motion.

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Anderson	x			
Bae	x			
Beshkov			x	
Carter-Gargani		x		
Cornelius			x	
Cremin	x			
Demmers	x			
Ferris		x		
Kantarjian			x	
Khanjian	x			
Maloney	x			
Mauceri	x			
McDonald			x	
McKinley		x		
Menz	x			
Rodriguez			x	
Rosman	x			
Tally	9	3	5	0

**Motion:** Regarding LFNC Committees, to dissolve the City Services Committee as inactive, combine the Public Safety Committee with Transportation committee into one committee as "Public Safety & Transportation" (chaired by the Public Safety Seat) and combine The Green Committee with Parks, River & Open Space Committee into "Green, Parks & River." Ferris Moved. Bae Seconded. Mauceri objects and Moved to table. **Motion is tabled by 9 to 3.**

- e. Green Committee
  - i. NO REPORT
- f. Education Committee
  - i. NO REPORT

**10:41 PM -**

**8) APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES.**

**Motion:** Approval of the February 18, 2014 NC Minutes. Bae Moved. Anderson Seconded. Minutes are approved without correction by consensus.

**9) OTHER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**10) MEETING REVIEW**

**10:47 PM -**

**11) ADJOURN**

**Motion** to adjourn. Bae Moved. Anderson Seconded **Motion passed by consensus.**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Duration:	3Hours, 03 Minutes
Motions, Amendments and Votes:	25, 02, 24
Resolutions/Positions:	
Official Correspondence:	Letter to Councilman LaBonge regarding unsafe drivers on Avocado Street.
Funds Allocated:	\$11,490.91 (Includes approval of up to \$1,000 on p-card and increased election outreach of \$3,500)

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Motions: (1) Lease for storage space from LFIA; (2) Approve monthly p-card Expenditures; (3) unanticipated p-card expenditures; (4) \$75 speaker fee for Wasteless Workshop to GAIA; (5) \$75 speaker fee for Wasteless Workshop to Wasteless Living; (6) \$575.00 for t-shirts for volunteers; (7) Approve up to \$200 for A-frame and poster for Outreach; (8) Approve up to \$100 for two flags for meeting room; (9) Approve up to \$300 in reimbursements for Board Member Mauceri; (10) Approve up to \$50 for parking decals for board members' cars; (11) Increase election outreach funds to \$10,000 as needed; (12) Spend up to \$300 on refreshments for the candidates' forum; (13) Spend up to \$300 on food for the poll workers; (14) Approve approximately \$1,184 to Triple A Banners for Election Outreach banner; (15) Approve \$900 to TWGG Media for graphic design services; (16) Approve \$150 to Martin Outdoor Media for bench signs in Los Feliz; (17) Approve \$1408.31 to Copy Cat for Ledger insert printing; (18) Reimburse board member McKinley for Facebook related post and boost charges; (19) Pay Los Feliz Ledger invoice of \$910 for newspaper inserts; (20) Approve PZHP letter to ZA regarding 4477-4483 Hollywood Boulevard; (21) Approve letter to Council member LaBonge regarding unsafe driving on Avocado; (22) Motion from Rules and Elections about Committee reorganization; (23) Motion to table item 7.d.i; (24) Approval of February 18, 2014 minutes; (25) Motion to adjourn.